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NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION -SECTION 213 INVESTIGATION OF SUBSTANDARD PERFORMANCE ON RAIL LINES OF CN

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## JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF STAY AND TO HOLD PROCEEDING FURTHER IN ABEYANCE

National Railroad Passenger Corporation ("Amtrak") and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company and Illinois Central Railroad Company (collectively "CN") respectfully move jointly for the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") to continue to hold the above-captioned proceeding in abeyance, and to stay all further proceedings or other actions in the matter, until July 31, 2013.

By its order served February 6, 2013, the Board held this action in abeyance until April 2, 2013, in order to facilitate ongoing productive discussions between Amtrak and CN that may potentially lead to a settlement. Those discussions have continued to be productive, but it does not appear that they will have reached a conclusion by April 2. Amtrak and CN believe that an extension of the current stay will facilitate continuation of those discussions, and they have accordingly agreed to seek an extension of that stay for an additional 120 days, or until July 31, 2013. That extension, like the initial stay, would not prejudice any party, and it would further the Board's policy of facilitating private-sector negotiation and resolution of disputes.

WHEREFORE, Amtrak and CN respectfully move that the Board hold the above-captioned proceeding in abeyance, and to stay all further proceedings or other actions in the matter, until July 31, 2013.

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